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PRODUCTION OF OILSEEDS AND PULSES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether production of oilseeds and pulses in the country is far behind the requirement;

(b) if so, the total production of oilseeds and pulses in the country for the last two years upto October, 2003;

(c) whether low production has put a heavy burden of import of edible oils and pulses;

(d) if so, the quantum of edible oils and pulses imported during the above period and the amount spent on such imports; and

(e) the specific plan of the Government to make the country self-reliant in this field?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The total production of oilseeds and pulses in the country during 2001-02, 2002-03 and 2003-04 is given below:

(Production in lakh tonnes)

Year	Oilseeds	Pulses
2001-02	208.00	131.90
2002-03	157.50	113.10(IV advance estimates)
2003-04	150.80	54.40 (As on 30.09.2003

(c) & (d): The production of oilseeds and pulses in the country is insufficient to meet the demand. Therefore the gap of demand and supply of these commodities is met through imports. The quantum of edible oils and pulses imported during 2001-02, 2002-03 and 2003-04 (upto July, 2003) and the amount spent on the import is given below:

Qty. in lakh metric tonnes Value Rs. in crores

Year	Import of edible oils		Import of Pulses	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
2001-02	43.22	6474.96	22.18	3160.16
2002-03	42.66	8744.87	18.79	2562.67
2003-04	19.19	4145.17	4.78	741.76

(Upto July, 2003)

(e): In order to increase the production and productivity of oilseeds and pulses and to make the country self-reliant in the production of these crops, two Centrally Sponsored Scheme,namely Oilseeds Production Programme (OPP) and National Pulses Development Project (NPDP) are in implementation in the country.Under these schemes financial assistance is provided for various inputs like production and distribution of seeds, distribution of seed minikits, distribution of improved farm implements, sprinkler sets, rhyzobium culture, micro nutrients etc. In order to disseminate the production technology amongst the farmers frontline demonstrations by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) and block demonstrations by the State Deptt. of Agriculture are also organised.